

WOMAN'S WORLD.

The young duchess of Marlborough has a father, a mother, a stepfather and a stepmother.

Mrs. Isabel Beecher Albert, a grand-niece of Henry Ward Beecher, has just made her appearance on the lecture platform.

Mme. Adolphe Kok, who has become a barrister at the same time as her husband, is the first woman to be admitted to the Dutch bar.

Miss K. Chamberlain, a niece of the colonial secretary, has been appointed resident physician at the royal free hospital, Gray's Inn road, London.

London is stirred by a report that the duke and duchess of Marlborough will close their town house and move to Blenheim, their country home. The news is causing still more of a sensation in New York, however, for it is hinted that the young American duchess takes this method of balking the social ambition of numerous Americans whom she met in Newport last summer. These might look for favors in the British capital this season and as some of them are said to be impossible the duchess will now be able to avoid them.

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, dean of the Washington college of law at Washington, D. C., is one of the ablest lawyers in the United States. She is the daughter of Platt R. Spencer, author of the Spencerian system of penmanship, and was associated with her father in law practice. Mrs. Mussey was instrumental in securing from congress the bill giving mothers in the District of Columbia the same right to their children as the fathers; and also giving married women the right to do business and to control their own earnings.

By a vote of 12 to 3 Mrs. Alma A. Williston, a woman doctor, has been appointed municipal physician by the town council of Phillipsburg, Warren county, N. J. Her rivals were the two former physicians, whose salary was \$200 a year. Dr. Williston will draw \$300. In addition the council will provide her with an automobile and will allow her \$100 for medicines. She claims to be an immune and declares that she has no dread of typhoid fever, diphtheria or smallpox. Dr. Williston is probably the first woman doctor to be employed by municipal authorities in New Jersey.

GLEANINGS OF FACT.

In firing the ordinary rifle only 43 per cent. of the powder explodes.

At Exmouth, England, a prize bird Brahma pullet has taken to mouse catching.

The so-called ironback tree is a sort of Australian eucalyptus, and weighs 64 pounds to the cubic foot.

To ordinary eyes a man 1,000 yards away—say, on a rifle range—appears as a dot; he could not be known as a man except as being a smaller dot than a horse.

The recently appointed board on the national trophy rifle contests recommends that the school children throughout the United States be given small arms practice.

A man of 70 has renewed his finger nails no fewer than 186 times. Taking the length of each nail as half an inch, the total length grown on each finger has been seven feet nine inches.

Maryhattyana, an Arkansas post office recently discontinued for lack of business, was named in honor of the three daughters of its first, last and only postmaster, who were called respectively Mary, Hattie and Anna.

In view of the international yacht races this summer agents in New York are already beginning to receive inquiries from rich men who do not live in that city, and from many who do, concerning the ways and means of hiring a yacht on which to entertain their friends during the contests for the America's cup. It is the fashionable thing to do and men and women who think that money judiciously expended will buy their way into the exclusive set are anxious to do it. From present indications the demand for leased yachts will be greater this year than ever before and there will be a smaller supply with which to meet it. Almost every yacht owner in eastern waters will want his boat for himself.

NOTES OF THE NAVY.

More work is put upon naval guns in target practice each quarter than they were required to stand during the Spanish war.

The Russians are experimenting with a "water-clad" battleship which has an upper deck of cork and a second deck of armor. The space between the two can be filled with water; then the ship floats a foot under the sea's surface.

Edward A. Caraway, now a government police officer at the Charleston navy yard, has just begun the fifty-second year of his service as an employee of the navy department. He is now 67 years old. At one time Mr. Caraway served in the famous squadron of Commodore Perry, whose ships remained in eastern waters until March 6, 1854, when the treaty opening the ports of Japan to the world was signed.

A naval officer who is visiting friends in Chicago was enjoying an after-dinner cigar the other evening with his host when the latter remarked on the prosy neatness of men who "follow the sea." The officer's reply startled his friend. "Yes, we're too blank neat," he said. "Tom, I'd give three months' pay for a chance to get as muddy as I used to in my boyhood days. There's never a speck of dust on board a war vessel and the shyness of it all positively makes me hungry occasionally for a stroll down one of the muddy streets for which your city is famous."

LITTLE WASTE PLACES.

Ohio Farmer Tells How They May Be Utilized for the Production of Paying Crops.

On most farms there are small plots of ground in out of the way places which may be dug or spaded up and utilized in various ways, returning a handsome profit for the labor and care bestowed upon them. It is surprising how many of these bits of ground may be found around the average farm, which, instead of lying idle, might be yielding the choicest vegetables and small fruits. Our farm is not large, but the "scraps" of ground yield no small sum.

Along the fences, in corners and on slopes which for any reason the plow cannot reach, I spade up the soil, applying manure from the poultry house plentifully and working it thoroughly through the soil. In these plots I first plant radishes, lettuce, peas or other early vegetables, and when these have been removed I sow turnip seed or sweet corn.

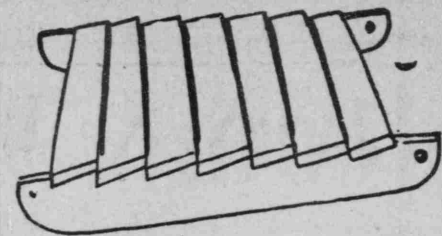
On a strip of land five feet wide and 250 in length, where weeds formerly grew (the leaves and stalks of which have formed a loose, rich soil), I planted several rows of Gregg and Cuthbert raspberries, a bed of strawberries of a self-pollinating variety, in rows two feet apart and the plants 15 inches apart in the rows and a number of gooseberry and currant plants. From this strip, which I gave especial care, I supplied our table throughout the season, and sold several bushels of fruit. I do not refer, of course, to the first year's product, which was small. Rhubarb and asparagus, too, I find are excellent for fence corners and furnish many a toothsome dish. The asparagus bed once established requires little care, only an occasional weeding and thinning being necessary.

It is the little things like those I have mentioned that return the largest profits. The willow leaf lima bean is a profitable variety which may be grown also for ornament. It may be planted around a porch and trained upon cords or wire netting. The pods are borne in large clusters and the beans are of extra large size. I find a constant demand for them at 20 cents a quart, shelled. Any of the fruits and vegetables I have named may be grown on ground usually left to weeds, in sufficient quantity to supply a family. The result from a ten by ten plot will surprise those who have never attempted intensive culture.—Nathaniel G. Saxton, in Rural World.

HANDY TOOL TO HAVE.

Excellent Clog Masher Which Can Also Be Used for Hauling Rocks from the Fields.

An excellent clog masher and smoother can be made by taking two pieces of oak timber 2x8 inches and six feet long; every eight inches cut in two inches on one edge with a saw,



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ALL AROUND THE FARM.

Keep busy. This is the season big Hicks count.

Have a fixed purpose to make the farm pay.

Don't crop the farm to death. Raise some stock.

A merry whistle is a wonderful shortener of long furrows.

Hard-pan in the corn field makes bread scarce in the kitchen.

Dragging the roads makes a wondrous improvement in them.

The farm implement or machine which will earn 25 per cent. on its cost yearly, as very many will, is a far safer investment than bank stock or deposits. We must learn to do business with the farm.

It is thought by some of our best corn raisers that ten acres is sufficient for one man to tend. Others think from 20 to 40 acres makes a fair summer's work; but I have generally noticed that the ten-acre man makes the biggest profit.—Farm and Home.

The Self-Growing Barn.

An esteemed correspondent, writing from Danville, Ky., tells of a novel industry, which will probably soon spread as far as Billville. Tan Crawley, a farmer in the Coral Hill neighborhood, has a barn which is growing rapidly. The structure, which is a capricious affair, was built several years ago. Willow posts were used on the ends and along the sides. Being in moist and virgin soil, the posts took root, and the entire structure has flourished like a green bay tree. It ascended nine feet in the first three years and Mr. Crawley was compelled to lay a second floor, using the first as a loft. The second floor is now too elevated for use, and next year a third floor will be added. The innovation has proved advantageous, and a large crop of barns will be planted this spring by farmers in the vicinity.—Atlanta Constitution.

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